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Note by the secretariat

The present note contains the recommendations adopted by the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations at its twelfth session, held in Geneva from 12 to 14 April 1999. These recommendations were approved by the High Commissioner for Human Rights on behalf of the Secretary-General on 22 April 1999.

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Annex I

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTARY FUND FOR INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS AT ITS TWELFTH SESSION

(Geneva, 12-16 April 1999)

1. At its twelfth session, held in Geneva from 12 to 16 April 1999, the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations examined, during six meetings, information prepared by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) concerning applications for new travel grants, the financial situation of the Fund, contributions paid by Governments, NGOs and individuals and the implementation by the secretariat of the Board and Fund of the recommendations agreed in 1998 and approved by the United Nations Secretariat.

Mandate of the Fund

2. Convinced that the establishment of a voluntary trust fund would constitute a significant development for the future promotion and protection of the human rights of indigenous populations, the General Assembly decided to establish the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations by resolution 40/131 of 13 December 1985. The purpose of the Fund is to enable representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities by providing them with financial assistance. Funded by means of voluntary contributions from Governments, non-governmental organizations and other private or public entities,

3. The General Assembly broadened the mandate of the Fund by resolution 50/156 of 21 December 1995 by deciding that the Fund should also be used to assist representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to participate in the deliberations of the open-ended inter-sessional Working Group of the Commission on Human Rights established by the Commission in its resolution 1995/32, as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1995/281 of 25 July 1995.

4. The General Assembly further broadened the mandate of the Fund by resolution 52/111 of 9 December 1997 by deciding that the Fund should also be used to assist representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to participate in the deliberations of the open-ended inter-sessional working group of the Commission on Human Rights established by the Commission in its resolution 1995/32, as endorsed by the Economic and Social Council in its decision 1995/281 of 25 July 1995.

Board of Trustees

5. The Fund is administered in accordance with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations by the Secretary-General assisted by a Board of Trustees. The mandate of the Board is to advise the Secretary-General on

the administration of the Fund, through the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. The Board is composed of five persons with relevant experience on issues affecting indigenous populations, who serve in their personal capacity. The Board members are appointed by the Secretary-General for a three-year term renewable in consultation with the current Chairman of the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. At least one member shall be a representative of a widely recognized organization of indigenous populations.

5. The five members who have been appointed by the Secretary-General, with due regard to equitable geographical distribution, are themselves indigenous people. Mr. Michael Dodson (Australia), Ms. Naomi N. Kipuri (Kenya), Mr. José Carlos Morales Morales (Costa Rica), Ms. Tove S. Petersen (Greenland/Denmark) and Ms. Victoria Tauli-Corpuz (Philippines) who serves as Board's Chairperson for the term.

Beneficiaries from the Fund

6. According to the General Assembly, the only beneficiaries of assistance from the Fund shall be representatives of indigenous populations organizations and communities:

(a) Who are so considered by the Board of Trustees;

(b) Who would not, in the opinion of the Board, be able to attend the sessions of the Working Groups without the assistance provided by the Fund;

(c) Who would be able to contribute to a deeper knowledge on the part of the Working Groups of the problems affecting indigenous populations and who would secure a broad geographical representation.

7. In addition, the Board has developed the following practice and guidelines:

(a) The Board encourages the former beneficiaries of the UNCHR Indigenous Fellowship Programme to apply for grants to represent their indigenous organization or community at sessions of the working groups by sending duly filled in application forms and meeting all the criteria for selection;

(b) The Board encourages indigenous organizations and communities to consider gender balance and, if possible, to present one female and one male candidate;

(c) The Board selects both representatives who have never participated in a session of a working group and representatives who have already participated and could develop specialized capacity and strengthen the core group of participants in a working group;

(d) The Board only considers a maximum of two applicants per organization;

(e) The Board does not consider indigenous applicants who do not provide a letter of support signed by an executive of their indigenous organization nor an applicant who is not an indigenous person himself/herself;

(f) Applicants are requested to submit application forms in one of the working languages of the Board's secretariat (English, French, Spanish). Exceptionally, at the twelfth session the Board considered five applications received in Russian.

Twelfth session of the Board of Trustees

9. The twelfth session of the Board of Trustees of the Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations was held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva from 12 to 14 April 1999. The Board held six private meetings.

10. The Board noted with satisfaction that all recommendations adopted at its eleventh session had been implemented (see the report of the Secretary-General to the General Assembly on the status of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Indigenous Populations (A/53/282) and the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights to the Commission on Human Rights on the implementation of the programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People (E/CN.4/1999/81)).

11. The Board considered at its twelfth session:

(a) 220 applications for grants to cover travel and per diem expenses for indigenous representatives to attend the seventeenth session of the Sub-Commission's Working Group on Indigenous Populations (WGIP) from 26 to 30 July 1999; and

(b) 20 applications for grants to cover travel and per diem expenses for indigenous representatives to attend the fifth session of the working group established by the Commission on Human Rights on the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples (WGDD), in October 1999.

12. The Board noted with satisfaction the substantial increase in the number of applications received, as reflected in the following table:

1997		1998		1999	
WGIP	47	WGIP	72	WGIP	220
WGDD	5	WGDD	3	WGDD	20
Total	52	Total	75	Total	240

Recommendations for grants

13. After having examined the applications in light of the above-mentioned selection criteria, the Board recommended:

(a) Travel grants for 62 representatives of indigenous communities and organizations to allow them to attend the Working Group on Indigenous Populations, for a total amount of about US$ 192,640 (see annex II);

(b) Travel grants to allow 14 representatives to attend the working group on the draft United Nations declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples, for a total amount of about US$ 56,000 (see annex III);

(c) That sufficient funds be allocated for grants to up to 30 indigenous representatives to attend the second session of the working group on a permanent forum for Indigenous Peoples in February 2000, pending adoption of the relevant resolutions by the Commission on Human Rights and the Economic and Social Council; applicants must comply with the criteria adopted by the Board. Priority should be given to the 13 beneficiaries who participated in the first session of the working group in February 1999, provided that they are accredited by an authorized organization; application forms for the working group on a permanent forum should be sent to the organizations authorized by ECOSOC to participate in the sessions of the working groups of the Commission; the members of the Board who will be in Geneva in October 1999 will meet briefly to consider applications for the working group and adopt recommendations.

Fund-raising

14. The Board met with representatives of donor Governments. The members expressed their gratitude for the donors' generous contributions, recommended a sustained effort and, if possible, an increase in the contributions. The Board was encouraged by even symbolic contributions as an expression of interest in the participation of indigenous populations.

15. The Board members would appreciate very much if the High Commissioner for Human Rights would send a letter of appeal to donors for additional contributions to be paid by the end of this year, in order to allow the Board to increase further the number of grants and the representation of indigenous communities and organizations next year.

16. The Board recommended that the Bureau of the Commission on Human Rights at its next session in the year 2000 should invite the Chairperson or any other member of the Board who could be in Geneva during the session of the Commission to deliver a statement introducing the report on the Board's twelfth session, the implementation of the Board's recommendations and the needs of the Fund, and to make an appeal for new contributions.

Annex II

LIST OF BENEFICIARIES TO ATTEND THE SEVENTEENTH SESSION OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS
(26-30 July 1999)

Name of representative	Organization	Indigenous population represented	City/state/ province	Country	Continent	Application No.	Previous grants (year)	Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) (US$)	Travel (US$)
Saoudata Aboubacrine (f)	Association des Femmes Refugées de l'Azawadau Burkina Faso (AFRAB)	Tuareg	Ouagadougou	Burkina Faso	Africa	120	1997, 1998	735	1 900
Amina Zinoal (f)	Association Nouvelle de la Culture et des Arts Populaires (ANCAP-Tamaynut)	Amazigh (Berbère)	Rabat	Morocco		202	-	735	1 100
Mohammed Ikarbane (m)	Commission Amazigh Internationale pour le Developpement et les Droits de l'Homme (CAIDDH)		Tizi Ouzou	Algeria		71	1998	735	550
Mathambo Ngakaeaja (m)	Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa	San people	Ghanzi	Botswana		38	-	735	1 300
Mamia Rampadi (f)	First Peoples of the Kalahari	Kalahari				151	-	735	1 300
Daisud Tari Abkula (m)	Friends of Nomads International (FONI)	Boran pastoralists	Isiolo	Kenya		55	-	735	1 550
Stephen S. Ole Timoi (m) (1st priority)	Dupoto e MAA	Maasai pastoralists	Kajiado			142	-	735	1 550
Elizabeth Momoya Rikanna (f)	OSILIGI	Laikipia Maasai	Nanyuki			28	-	735	1 550
Emmanuel Manyach Lowot (m)	West Pokot Pastoralis Development	Pokot people	Kapenguria			39	-	735	1 550

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Kananwi Wayi (m)	Program for Research and Development of Ogoni (PREDO)	Ogoni population	Surulere, Lagos	Nigeria	Africa	156		735	1 500
Ejojeya Ekienabor (m)	ESAN People Development Programme (EPDP)	Esan communities	Sabo, Yaba, Lagos			158		735	1 500
Kxao Moses Coma (m)	Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa (WIMSA)	The San (Bushman) of Southern Africa	Windhoek	Namibia		51	1998	735	750
Marthe Muhawenimana (f)	Association pour la promotion des Batwa (APB)/Femmes Masnabamdi	Batwa	Kigali	Rwanda		86		735	1 550
Richard Baallow (m)	The Hadza People of Tanzania	Hadza people	Mbulu	United Republic of Tanzania		103	1992	735	2 100
Augustino D. Maragu Diganyeka (m)	Kipoc Barabaig Programme	Baragaig	Arusha			98		735	2 100
Petrus Vaalbooi (m)	Southern Kalahari San Association	Khomani San People	Mier	South Africa		34	1998	735	900
Subtotal (16 applications/US$ 34 510)								11 760	22 750
Kalu Ram Khambu Rai (m)	Kirat Rai Language and Literary Council	Kirat Rai people	Jhapa	Nepal	Asia	136	1998	735	2 270
Krishna Kumar Rai (m)	Kirat Koyu Rais' Uplifting Association (KKRUA)	Koyu Rai community				4	1997	735	2 270
Bal Krishna Matuhang (m)	Nepal Federation of Nationalities	Indigenous peoples in the rural and remote areas	Kathmandu			222		735	2 270

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Jeera Jebra Ram Muchahary (m)	Tribal Welfare Society Assam Branch	Bodo, Santals, Garo, Deori, etc.	Bijni	India	Asia	16		735	1 900
Chinnappan Sidha (m)	Rural Peoples Forum for Social Action	Malayali tribe	Tamil Nadu			143		735	1 900
Anil Manohar Marandi	Chotanaggpur Adivasi Seva Samiti (CASS)/Munda	Santhals, Mundas, etc.	Bihar			178		735	1 500
Bineet Jaynel Mundu (m)						181	1998	735	1 900
Moheet Naik (m)	Indian Institute of Social Work	Kui people	Orissa			199	1996	735	1 700
Kajol Pradhan (f)						200		735	1 700
Makay Davy Prasac (m)	Institute of Social Awareness	Dalits	Palivela			201	1993	735	1 700
Eduardo Solang (m)	Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA)	Igorot	Baguio City	Philippines		37		735	3 000
Jimid Mansayagan (m)	Lumad Mindanaw Peoples Federation (LMPF)	Matigsalug Manobo, Lambangian, Dulangan Manobo, teduray, Subanen, Aruman Menuvu, Mansaka, Mandaya, Bagobo, B'laan, T'boli, K'lagan, Kaulu, Higaunon and Agusanon Manobo	Davao City			175	1992	735	3 200

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Waising Prue Marma (f)	Hill Woman's Federation	Chakma, Marma, Tripura, Murang, Lusai, Chak, Bawn, Tanchangya, Khumi, Khyang, Banjugi, Riyang	Dhaka	Bangladesh	Asia	118	-	735	2 450
Liton Born (m)	Chin Human Rights Organization	Chin indigenous people	Bandarban			42	-	735	2 450
Rupayan Dewan (m)	Parbattya Chattagram Jana Samhati Samiti (JSS)	Jumma people	Khagrachari Hill Tracts			81	-	735	2 450
Subtotal (15 applications/US$ 44 085)								11 025	33 060
Porfidio Flores Pérez (m)	Asociación Coordinadora de Comunidades Indígenas de El Salvador	Nahuat communities	Sansonate	El Salvador	Americas	149	-	735	2 800
Antonio Jacanamijoy (m)	Coordinadora de Org. Indígenas de la Cuenca Amazónica (COICA)	Represents 50 ethnic groups of the six departments of the Amazone Basin	Bogotá	Colombia		165	1999	735	2 700
Euclides Pereira (m) (Brazil)				Brazil		166	-	735	2 900
Ramsés Kajoeramari (m) (Sunname)			Paramaribo	Suriname		169	-	735	3 000
Gil Inoach Sawich (m) (Peru)			Lima	Peru		170	-	735	3 500
German Anturi (m) (Ecuador)			Quito	Ecuador		171	-	735	3 100
Nicolas Montero (m) (Bolivia)			Santa Cruz	Bolivia		173	-	735	3 700
Jose Poyo (m) (Venezuela)			Caracas	Venezuela		174	-	735	2 700

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Marco Matias Alonso (m)	Altepeti Nahauas, A.C.	35 different national communities	Guerrero	Mexico	Americas	139		735	3 200
Alvaro E. Vázquez Juárez (m)	Asamblea de Autoridades Zapotecas y Chinantecas de la Sierra (Azachis)	Part of Zapoteca and Chinanteco populations	Oaxaca			161		735	3 200
Estebancio Castro (m)	Movimiento de la Juventud Kuna (MJK)	Kuna	Panama	Panama		216		735	2 800
Concepción Catunta Castro (f)	Instituto Oheshawa Jujuymanta	Kolla, population of provincia de Jujuy	San Salvador de Jujuy	Argentina		130	1998	735	3 100
Andrea Flores Tonconi (f)	Organización de Murejes Aymaras del Kollasuyo	Aymaras	La Paz	Bolivia		217	1991, 1992, 1993, 1995, 1996	735	3 700
Marco Antonio Curuchich Mux (m)	Escuela Maya de Derechos Humanos IXIM CHE	Maya	Guatemala City	Guatemala		52	1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1998	735	2 800
Peter Persaud (m)	The Amerindian Action Movement of Guyana (TAAMOG)	Arawaks, Caribs, Waraus, Lokonos, Wapishana, Akaiwios, Makushi, Wai Wai, Patamonas and Arekunas	East Bank Demerara	Guyana		44		735	3 000
Fortunato Turpo Choquehuanca (m)	COUPITA	Quechuas, Aymaras	Arequipa	Peru		209	1991, 1992	735	3 800
Tarcila Rivera Zea (f)	Chirapaq/Centro de Culturas Indias	Quechuas (Willoq), Ashaninkas and indigenous population in Ayacucho	Lima			127	1992, 1993, 1998	735	3 500
Gladys Vásquez Poma (f)	Comunidad Aymara Ancomarca	Aymara	Tacna			19	1997	735	3 500

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Victor Eduardo Alonqueo Boudón (m)	Asociación Comunal Mapuche de Nueva Imperial	Mapuche	Temuco	Chile	Americas	226		735	3 450
Tracy Lynn McHugh (f)	Siksika Disability Services	Siksika Nation	Alberta	Canada		148		735	3 100
Vernon Roote (m)	Union of Ontario Indians (Anishinabek)	First Nation	Ontario			91		735	2 700
Natalie Payette-Chevrier (f)						92		735	2 700
Antonio Gonzales (m)	International Indian Treaty Council (IITC)	Indigenous people from North, Central and South America and the Pacific	San Francisco	California		117	1993	735	1 800
Subtotal (23 applications/US$ 87 455)								16 905	70 550
Tracy Whare (f)	Ngatira Marae/Ngatira Lands Trust	Ngati Ahuru	Lichfield Putaruru	New Zealand	Oceania	180		735	2 500
Taki Anaru (m)	Maori Legal Service	Maori people	Wellington			113		735	2 500
Naomi Mayres (f)	The National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organizations (NACCHO)	Aboriginal people	Strawberry Hills	Australia		68	1996	735	2 500
Subtotal (3 applications/US$ 9 705)								2 205	7 500
René Monnerville (m)	Fédération des Organisations amérindiennes de Guyane (FOAG)	Kali'nas, Palikurs, Arawacks, Wayanas Wayapis and Emérillons	Yalimapi	French Guiana	Europe	198		735	4 150
Kayombya Jean Damascene (m)	Conseil des Indigènes résidents en Hollande ADBR/TWA	Batwa (Pygmies of Burundi)	Amsterdam	Netherlands		56		735	340

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Akuljakov Pavel (m)	Association of the Shoria People	Shoria people	Novokuznetsk	Russian Federation	Europe	333		735	3 560
Vladimir Nakajev (m)	Komitet Samoupravlenija	Teleut				332		735	3 560
Nadir Bekirov (m)	Majlis of Crimean Tatar People	Crimean Tatars	Crimea	Ukraine		191	1998, 1999	735	1 600
Subtotal (5 applications/US$ 16 885)								3 675	13 210
Total - 62 applications/US$ 192 640									

Annex III

LIST OF BENEFICIARIES TO ATTEND THE WORKING GROUP ON THE DRAFT UNITED NATIONS DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (October 1996)

Name of representative	Organization	Indigenous population represented	City/state/ province	Country	Continent	Application No.	Previous grants (year)	Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) (US$)	Travel (US$)
Jean Pierre Nzabandora (m)	Association pour le développement global des Batwa du Rwanda (ADBR)	Mutwa	Kigali	Rwanda	Africa	84		1 470	1 550
Hafsa Elkam (f)	Association nouvelle de la culture et des arts populaires (ANCAPT/Tamaynut)	Amazigh (Berbère)	Rabat	Morocco		115		1 470	1 100
Amina Zioual (f)						203		1 470	1 100
Daniel Ashini (m)	Innu Council of Natassinan*	Innu people	Labrador	Canada	Americas	228		1 470	2 750
Armand McKenzie (m)						229		1 470	2 750
Tomas Alarcon Eyzaguirre (m)	Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarrollo de los Pueblos	Aymara	Tacna	Peru		17		1 470	3 500
Bineet Jaynel Mundu (m)	Chotanaggpur Adivasi Sewa Samiti (CASS)-Munda*	Santhals, Mundas, etc.	Bihar	India	Asia	230	1998	1 470	1 900
Jose Mencio Molintas (m)	Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA)	Igorot	Baguio City	Philippines		85	1994	1 470	3 000

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Jimid Mansayagan (m)	Lumad Mindanaw Peoples Federation (LMPF)	Matigsalug Manobo; Lambangian; Dulangan Manobo; teduray; Subanen; Ariuman Menuvu; Mansaka; Mandaya; Bagobo; B'laan; T'boli; K'lagan; Kaulo; Higaunon and Agusanon Manobo	Davao City	Philippines	Asia	176	1992	1 470	3 200
Jocelyn Roger Therese (m)	Fédération des Organisations amérindiennes de Guyane (FOAG)	Kali'nas, Palikurs Arawacks, Wayanas, Wayapis and Emérillons	Yalimapo	French Guiana	Europe	193	1998	1 470	4 150
Jean Aubéric Charles (m)						193		1 470	4 150
Deebii Nwiado (m)	Movement of the survival of Ogoni People (MOSOP) c/o IWGIA	Ogoni	Copenhagn	Denmark		1		1 470	850
Nadir Bekirov (m)	Melps of Crimean Tatars People	Crimean Tatars	Crimea	Ukraine		192	1998, 1999	1 470	1 600
Michael Todishew (m)	Association of the Shona People	Shona people	Russian Federation	Noyokuznetsk		231	1998	1 470	3 560
Subtotal								20 580	35 160
Total - 14 applications/US$ 55 740									

* Upon confirmation of authorization.